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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

..... of the

POCKLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

FOR 1941.

To the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL of POCKLINGTON.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

As Medical Officer of Health for the Rural District of Pocklington, I beg to submit to you the following Report for the year ended December 31st, 1941.

SECTION A.

PHYSICAL FEATURES AND CHARACTER AND GENERAL STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT.

Natural and Social Conditions of the District. The Pocklington Rural District is situated in the East Riding of Yorkshire, having York to the West and Great Driffield and Beverley to the East. It comprises 31 parishes, the total area of which is 101,521 acres, or 158 square miles. The total population at the census of 1931 was 12,723; estimated at midsummer 1941, 13,360. The number of inhabited houses is 3,527 and the number of families or separate occupiers is 3,527 (normally). The assessable value is £38,870, the sum represented by a penny rate on that amount being £161. 12. 8.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The District is almost entirely agricultural, and the chief occupations are in connection with that industry.

The 31 parishes comprising the District also form the area of the Pocklington Guardians Committee. The ordinary cases of illness amongst the poor are treated in the Public Assistance Institution, cases requiring hospital treatment being sent to the Hull Royal Infirmary or York County Hospital.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE REGISTRAR GENERAL FOR THE YEAR 1940.

		Total.	M.	F.
Births.	Births (Legitimate	222	123	99
	(Illegitimate	14	6	8
Deaths.	Deaths	133	59	74

Number of women dying in, or (From Sepsis... 0
in consequence of, childbirth. (From other
(causes. 0

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age-
Legitimate... 6 Illegitimate... 1 Total... 7

Deaths from Measles (all ages)... .. 1
" " Whooping Cough (all ages) ... 0
" " Diarrhoea (Gastro Enteritis)
under 2 years of age. 2
" " Cancer (all ages); M 7, F 14. 21

Prevalence of,
and control over,
infectious and
other diseases.

The number of cases notified during th
year was 126 as compared with 98 in the previous
year.

Disease.	Total cases notified.	Cases admitted to Hospit- al	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	2	2	-
Scarlet Fever	22	22	-
Enteric Fever (Paratyphoid).....	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia and Puerperal Fever	-	-	-
Pneumonia	4	-	4
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	-	-	-
Polio Encephalitis	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	90	-	-
Tuberculosis- (M 2.....	-	-	-
(a) Pulmonary (F 3.....	-	-	-
(Total 5.....	5	-	4
(b) Non-Pulmon-(M 1.....	-	-	-
ary. (F 2.....	-	-	-
(Total 3.....	3	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	-	-	-

The number of deaths from Tuberculosis was 4 and the number notified was 8. The cases of Tuberculosis are usually always notified but if not it is generally where a case is rapidly moved for sanatorium treatment, cases notified in previous years, or where a resident of the District dies outside the District.

CAUSES OF SICKNESS.

The only special cases of sickness were due to the prevalence of Measles and Scarlet Fever of which there were 90 cases of the former and 22 of the latter.

SECTION B.
Laboratory
Work.

Medical men in the District can have bacteriological examinations made by the Emergency Laboratory at Pocklington free of charge. The Council supply diphtheria antitoxin to any practitioners in the District who require it.

During the year 90 bacteriological examinations were made.

Fever.

There is no Fever Hospital in the District, but the County provide an Isolation Hospital for the District at Driffield, which has accommodation for 62 beds.

Ambulance
facilities
for infec-
tious cases

A motor Ambulance is provided from the Driffield Isolation Hospital by the County Authorities.

In 1939 a sick bay was provided fro treatment of Evacuees. The house, known as the Red House, Pocklington, is spacious and well arranged for such a purpose. There are five wards each capable of accomodating four ptients comfortably. Good work has been carried on throughout the year.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Water Supply

The whole of the district with the exception of Barmby Moor, Goodmanham and Market Weighton, Pocklington and Londesborough and the dales at Millington and Givendale is supplied by the Regional Scheme from springs in the chalk wolds. The supply is pure and abundant and is adequately protected from every source of pollution.

In the event of interference with the Regional Scheme by enemy action alternative supplies are assured in all villages from private sources. Any supplies used would be chlorinated.

Salvage

A salvage of Waste Scheme was put into operation in the early part of 1940 and during the year 170 tons of salvage were collected and disposed of for £460. The scattered nature of the District made collection difficult and costly. A 2 ton Lorry was allocated to the Council towards the end of the year, and a general improvement began immediately.

Sanitary Administration

Dwellinghouses inspected.....	156
" notices served.....	25
New Houses built.....	-
Have building By-Laws been adopted.....	Yes
Dwellinghouses disinfected after cases of ordinary infectious disease.....	27
Dwellinghouses disinfected after cases of Phthisis.....	all
Schools disinfected after cases of ordinary infectious diseases.....	-
Dwellinghouses found overcrowded.....	-
" newly drained.....	-
" redrained.....	5
Privies converted to W.C.s.....	14
" " pail closets.....	-
Offensive trades inspected.....	-
Total number of nuisances found.....	25
" " abated.....	25

Some overcrowding in dwellinghouses must be acknowledged owing to the circumstances.

Water Supplies -

Houses newly supplied with water mains.....	33
Samples of water sent for examination.....	18

Dairies and Cowsheds -

Number of dairies and cowsheds on register..	560
Number of cows.....	2000
Visits to cowsheds and dairies.....	70
Defects found.....	3
" remedied.....	3

Common Lodging Houses -

Number on Register.....	2
Visits to.....	4

General inspection of the District.

The general inspection of premises, occupations, &c., coming under the control of the Council is on a much larger scale than indicated by the figures. Many surprise inspections and visits are made and unless any special incident arises therefrom are not recorded.

Factories Act.

Only three factories employ a number of hands. The remainder chiefly consist of one man businesses and number 105. The general cleanliness is satisfactory.

Rag Flock Acts, There are no premises in the area on which Rag Flock
1911 and 1928. is manufactured.

Schools. These are inspected periodically. No case of
insanitary conditions was reported during the year.
Nearly every school is connected with the Regional or
other water scheme.

SECTION D. Number of new houses erected during the year :-
 Total..... -
Housing (a) By the Local Authority..... -
Statistics. (b) By private enterprise..... -

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply. Frequent inspections are made of cowsheds and dairies.

 Action regarding tubercular milk or cattle consists
of reporting suspected cows to the Veterinary Officer of
the County Council.

 No licence has been granted in the District for the
sale of milk under any special designation, and no
refusal or revocation of registration has occurred.

Milk and Registrations under the Order at the end of the year
Dairies Order numbered 560.
1926.

 Each registration form sent out is accompanied by a
leaflet which sets out at length the provisions of the
Order.

Meat. Central slaughtering has taken the place of the
individual slaughterhouses. The slaughtering establish-
ment not within the Council's area.

 Systematic inspections are made from time to time
of all butchers' shops, fish shops, bakeshops, common
lodging houses, milk and meat purveyors, fellmongers'
premises, &c.

Particulars of slaughterhouses -

	In Dec., 1933.
Registered.....	12
Licensed	8
Total..	20

Food and Drugs. The Food and Drugs Acts are now jointly the concern
of the Council and the County Council.

 In conclusion I have pleasure in presenting my
report. The Birth rate is higher than last year by 29,
and the Death rate lower by 44. In spite of the War,
a number of Sanitary improvements have taken place, and
a large number of inspections made in connection with
meat and food. The sanitary conditions and the Public
Health of the District in my opinion are both satisfactory.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

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